Recruitment for militant organisations in H.P.

319. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a news item which appeared in Indian Express dated the 5th July, 1993 under the caption "Himachal turns into J&K militants homes":

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that a powerful pro Pak militant organisation has started recruiting volunteers in the State to join the organisation;

(d) whether it is also a fact that H.P. police is ill-equipeed to deal with the new threat; and

(e) what steps Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Government is aware of the news item in question.

The State Govt. has informed that no evidence of recruitment of volunteers in the State by a militant organisation had come to notice. In certain areas Himachal Pradesh bordering the Districts of Kathua and Doda in J&K, incidents of alleged militant activities had occurred. In one incident on 29th June a group of persons opened fire on a police party in Village Jalori and in other incident on 30th June some persons entered the house of a contractor and deprieved of Rs. 8000/-. A high level team of Senior Policy Officers visited the spot in District Chamba, and also Jammu to work out concerted measures to check infiltration from Jammu & Kashmir into Himachal Pradesh. Joint Combing operations with BSF and Police Forces from both the States are being undertaken. Patrolling on the Border area has been intensified; communications with the border States are being improved; and, coordination meetings with the officers of the neighbouring States are being held for sharing information regarding activities of terrorists. The State Government is taking steps to streamline and modernise the Police Force, which include the raising of an India Reserve Battalion. It is incorrect to suggest that the State Police is ill-equipped to deal with the situation.

Lottery Frauds in Delhi

320. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently Delhi Police unearthed some lottery frauds in the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also aware that most of lottery organisers and agents are running illegal "Satta" business behind these lotteries;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to impose a ban on the lotteries to save the general public from being cheated as has been done in Madhya Pradesh; and

(e) if not, what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Eight cases of lottery frauds have been registered at different police stations in the capital.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The following remedial steps have